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SUBJECT: (1) ILO ASSISTANCE AND (2) REFUGEE BUDGET

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1. REFTTEL PARA 3 MENTIONS GOC LABOR MINISTER SPANOS' REQUEST IN GENEVA FOR ILO ASSISTANCE TO PUT DISPLACED CYPROITS TO WORK. UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE PAVICCIC INFORMS US UNDP WILL NOT FUND PROPOSED ILO MISSION AS UNDP HAS NO FUNDS OF ITS OWN FOR THIS TYPE OF STUDY.

2. ON MATTER OF THE MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN GENEVA OF THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE GOC OF A CENTRAL RELIEF AND REHABILITATION FUND BELIEVED TO BE 25 MILLION CYPRUS POUNDS, PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO SUCH FUND.

MINISTER SPANOS HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN MARCH IN WHICH HE ANOUNCED GOC INTENTION TO CONSOLIDATE MONEY

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PAYMENTS DUE UNDER BOTH THE SOCIAL INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOY

MENT SCHEMES WITH DISPLACED PERSONS RELIEF PROGRAM
(NICOSIA 1962, PARA 2). HIS BACK OF ENVELOPE CALCULATION OF CASH OUTLAY NEEDS FOR ALL THREE PROGRAMS, GIVEN NO FOREIGN AID INPUTS CAME TO 22 MILLION CYPRUS POUNDS (ABOUT DOLLARS 62 MILLION). THIS FIGURE HAS NEVER BEEN PART OF ANY BUDGET AND HAS NEVER BEEN DUNDED PER SE. UNHCR AND ICRC COLLECTED FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN SIZEABLE. OTHER SOURCES OF AID, MAINLY BILATERAL, HAVE ALSO SERVED TO UNDERLINE OUTSIDE INPUTS INTO THE PROGRAMS.

3. PLEASE NOTE, IN ADDITION, THAT IN PRESS CONFERENCE MINISTER SPANOS MENTIONED THAT PORTION OF THE 22 MILLION CYPRUS POUNDS WAS FOR HOUSING OF REFUGEES. HOWEVER, GOC IN MARCH HAD WORKED OUT NO HOUSING SCHEME ON WHICH ANYTHING RESEMBLING REAL BUDGET COULD BE BASED. FIGURE SINCE MARCH HAS BEEN QUOTED NUMEROUS TIMES MAINLY AS PART OF PUBLICITY EFFORT TO FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON SIZE OF REFUGEE PROBLEM IN CYPRUS. CRAWFORD

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